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amendment. It was offered on February 25.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers had an amendment and a motion. Understand he would like to withdraw. Mr. President, Senator Janssen would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on your motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this point in time, I'll ask that LB 429A, the appropriation bill, be indefinitely postponed. I know there are other bills we want to get to today, and we're anxious to get on with them so I'll be brief. The appropriations bill is much larger than necessary, and at this point, with the changes and the cost of implementing the EBD (phonetic) program, the effects of LB 429 on the HH budget will be very small in the fiscal year 2002-2003, and will save approximately \$25,000 the following year. And I hope that we can continue the discussion on the bill when we get to Select File. With that, I would ask the A bill be indefinitely postponed. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm just going to give a few facts, I guess, as I would understand them from our staff. There is a legitimate difference of opinion as to the necessity of this A bill. It's my obligation to always fund something that needs funding, and that's one of the reasons I'm standing up here to tell you about the necessity for the A bill. There is a legitimate difference of opinion, and I truly don't know the answer. One...the one department thinks our estimates are too low. Our calculations are that they may be reasonable. It kind of depends on the interpretation of the contract. And so I told Senator Janssen about my dilemma here, and so I just am telling you what I have on it. It's...I think, do we agree...the number we would pass in this bill, this \$22,000, is that right, Senator Janssen? It truly is not a large amount of money. Obviously, if it was \$220,000 I'd